

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 are pending in the application. In the office action dated February 23, 2005, the Examiner rejected all pending claims.

In this amendment claim 1, 4 and 5 have been amended, claims 7-15 cancelled and new claims 16-22 added. Also, the specification has been amended at paragraph [0013] for reference to the proper reference numeral (42) as shown in the drawings.

In view of the amendment to the specification as set forth above, it is respectfully submitted that the drawing objection is overcome.

Claim 1 is amended herein to better conform the language to the requirements of paragraph 6 of section 112. While it is respectfully submitted that the claim as previously drafted was sufficiently clear, this amendment further clarifies the intended recitation. Claims 4 and 5 are also amended for further clarity as suggested by the Examiner. As such, the claims are amended herein for reasons of form and not for reasons related to patentability. It is respectfully submitted that the rejections under section 112 may be withdrawn.

Claims 1 and 4 were rejected as anticipated by Kurita. This rejection is respectfully traversed. Kurita discloses neither vehicle body brackets nor assembly body brackets as recited in claim 1 and new claim 17. While the Examiner asserts that "targets 38" and "bed 1b" of the cited reference correspond to these recited claim limitations, a reading of the reference reveals that they do not so correspond. In fact, with reference to FIG. 2, Kurita describes a "fixed gap δ between" the targets 38 and electromagnets 36a to 36d. (See col. 5, lns. 2-4). Targets 38 therefore cannot be brackets "contacting inclines" of the cushion blocks as recited. In addition, bed 1b at most vaguely corresponds to an "assembly body 11" shown in FIG. 1 of the instant application because it is generally the load to be supported, but not to the assembly body bracket recited in the claims as also contacting inclines of the cushion blocks. For example, the bed 1b is described in Kurita as being "elastically supported on damping rubber 34" which is in turn mounted on support pillars 32. (Col. 4, lns. 39-44). For at least these reasons, claims 1 and 17 are not anticipated by the cited reference.

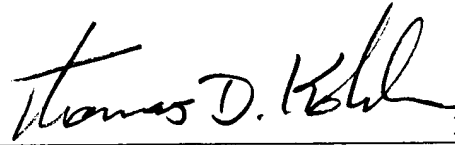
The remaining rejections are rendered moot by the allowability of the dependent claims and the cancellation of claims 7-15.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that the application as a whole is in form for allowance. Should the Examiner have any continuing objections,

the Applicants respectfully ask the Examiner to contact the undersigned at 415-442-1106 in order to expedite allowance of the case. Authorization is granted to charge any outstanding fees due at this time for the continued prosecution of this matter to Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP Deposit Account No. 50-0310 (matter no. 060945-0133).

Respectfully submitted,

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